objective to accelerate the share of hydro power which has been continuously declining over the last three decades. As against an ideal hydel-thermal mix of 40:60, the share has gone down from 44% in 1970 to 25% in 1999. Due to this, the peaking deficits are high, thermal stations have to increasingly back down as they operate under base load condition and the grid works under stress. The policy has, therefor, laid emphasis on timely completion of the on-going projects, taking up of new hydroelectric projects, survey and investigation of the new green field sites and preparation of detailed project reports.

In order to provide an impetus for accelerated Hydro Power development various options are being considered to leverage the strengths of different Central Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power. M/s. State Bank of India (SBI) Capital Markets and M/s ICICI have been commissioned as Consultants to suggest various options for leveraging the financial and technical strengths of different Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) including their restructuring to enable them to take up hydro power schemes in a big way. A decision on the modality of leveraging the financial strength of different CPSUs will be taken after analysing the recommendations of the consultant and after considering the views of the concerned Ministries and Planning Commission. The Consultants are yet to submit their report to enable the Government to take a decision. No decision has been taken by National Thermal Power Corporation to purchase shares of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation.

Dehang and Subansiri Hydel Project in Arunachal Pradesh

721. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to undertake Dehang and Subansiri Hydel Projects in the Arunachal Pradesh for generating power for development of North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed investments involved: and

(c) the time schedule of completion of the Projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Power,

Government of India has decided that development of Dehang and Subansiri hydel projects in Arunachal Pradesh be transferred from Brahmaputra board to National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) in Central Sector.

(b) and (c) Dehang (13,400 Maga Watt) and Subansiri (7300 Mega Watt) hydro-electric (HE) projects are proposed to be implemented in three stages. Detailed Projects Report (DPR) of lower dam site of Subansiri HE project is being prepared by Brahmaputra Board and is likely to be completed by June, 2000 and NHPC is to associate itself with the preparation of DPR. DPR of lower site of Dehang project is scheduled to be completed by March, 2002 by Brahmaputra Board and further activities will be taken up by NHPC by obtaining various clearances. Survey & Investigation works of upper and middle sites of both Dehang and Subansiri projects have been entrusted to NHPC and survey & Investigation and detailed Project Reports for the same are likely to be completed by NHPC by 2003. These projects are likely to be completed in a phased manner by end of 11th Plan and during 12th Plan. The cost for survey and investigation works and preparation of DPR would be approximately Rs. 300 crores.

Demand and Supply of Power in Orissa

722. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply of electricity & power for industries of Orissa particularly in Jajpur & Cuttack Districts; and

(b) the steps Government have been taken or proposed to take to make available adequate electricity power in Orissa and to prevent frequent non-availability of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Supply and distribution of electricity in a State is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/State Electricity Board. The distribution of power in states to various sectors/areas, including different categories of consumers, is decided by the concerned State Government/State Electricity Board keeping in view the priorities as well as demand and availability of power. At present there are no statutory power cuts in Orissa. Orissa is surplus in power availability and has not been drawing its full share in Central Sector Stations in Eastern Region. Orissa has been supplying about 175 MW power to Andhra Pradesh